## d) <u>REMARKS</u>

The claims are 11-13 with claim 11 being independent. This application is a division of parent Application No. 10/043,148. Claims 11-13 were cancelled from the parent application as a result of a restriction requirement in Paper No. 5, therein.

## <u>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT</u>

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are found in the filewrapper of the parent application. The concise relevance for the non-English document is found in the corresponding U.S. Patent No. 6,027,825 for Japanese Application No. 6-290496. A machine translation of JP 11-339340 was provided.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating such information has been considered.

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